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SUBJECT: CONSULTATIONS ON CARIBBEAN INITIATIVES

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1. IN REPLY TO ANSWERS POSED REFTTEL, E. CUMMINGS, ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, CARIBBEAN DEVELOPMENT BANK (CDB) EXPECTS MEETING WILL DEFINITELY TAKE PLACE ON SCHEDULE NEXT WEEK IN GUYANA. WILLIAM DEMAS, PRESIDENT, CDB, VISITED GEORGETOWN TWO WEEKS AGO TO TALK WITH FORBES BURNHAM AND ASSURE HIMSELF THAT PHYSICAL CONDITIONS HAVE IMPROVED ENOUGH TO HOLD MEETING. BURNHAM REPORTEDLY GUARANTEED DELEGATES WOULD BE WELL RECEIVED AND CARED FOR. CDB ADVANCE PARTY LED BY SECRETARY CRISPIN SORHAINDO DEPARTS FOR GEORGETOWN TOMORROW APRIL 19.

2. ORIGINAL ESTIMATE OF 200 DELEGATES HAS DECLINED, CUMMINGS
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ADMITTED, PARTLY BECAUSE SOME DELEGATES ARE DISTRESSED OVER STORIES OF PHYSICAL INCONVENIENCE IN GEORGETOWN AND PARTLY BECAUSE OF HORRENDOUS AIRPORT SNARLS OCCASIONED BY CONTINUING SUSPENSION BWIA FLIGHTS. CUMMINGS SAID CDB TRYING ARRANGE CHARTER FLIGHTS WITH GUYANA AIRWAYS FOR DELEGATES BETWEEN TRINIDAD AND GUYANA.

3. EMBASSY AND RDO/C BELIEVE EXPANSION OF CDB ACTIVITIES DESIRED BY DEPARTMENT CAN ONLY BE UNDERTAKEN WITH CHANGE IN BANK'S CHARTER. THERE WOULD SEEM NO BETTER TIME OR PLACE TO LOBBY FOR THIS THAN BOARD OF GOVERNOR'S MEETING ITSELF. GOVERNORS ARE CERTAINLY AMONG MOST INFLUENTIAL PERSONS WE COULD ENLIST TO EFFECT CHANGES SOUGHT. IN CASE OF BARBADOS, GOVERNOR IS BERNARD ST. JOHN, DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER. HE PLANS ATTEND GEORGE-TOWN MEETING. ON OTHER ISLANDS WITHIN OUR AREA OF JURISDICTION, GOVERNORS ARE USUALLY FINANCE MINISTERS. THERE WOULD BE TIME BETWEEN SESSIONS AND DURING SOCIAL AFFAIRS TO LOBBY.

4. FINAL DELEGATE LIST NOT YET AVAILABLE. SAMPLING OF CONFIRMED DELEGATES FOLLOWS (SPELLING PHONETIC): FROM IMF, KELLY, STRUCKMEYER; FROM IBRD, CUFINO; FROM IADB, FONSECA, SCHULTZ; FROM EUROPEAN DEVELOPMENT BANK, OURSIN; FROM UNESCO, SELICIA; FROM HMG, GREATBATCH, MYHILL, RAY; FROM FEDERAL REPUBLIC GERMANY, KOELSCH; FROM CANADA, HOOD CARLSON; FROM COLOMBIA, MARTINEZ; FROM VENEZUELA, MOENACK; FROM COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT, PENSO; FROM CENTRAL AMERICAN BANK FOR ECONOMIC INTEGRATION, SICAIRA; FROM JAMAICA DEVELOPMENT BANK, NELSON; FROM JAPANESE EMBASSY IN VENEZUELA, ASADA; FROM FEDERAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT BANK, CANADA, BELL; LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FROM FIRST BOSTON CORP., BORINGO; FROM MERRILL LYNCH, HERRON; FROM BARCLAY'S BANK INTERNATIONAL, MCINTYRE; FROM NATIONAL BANK OF BARBADOS LEWIS. ORTIZ

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